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### Shipping.

**Steamers.**

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.**

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Formosa,*  
Captain HALL, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on **TUESDAY**, the 7th Instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAIDLAK & Co.,**  
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 4, 1890. 1728

**THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT.)**

The Company's Steamship  
*Samdech Phra Nang,*  
Capt. J. MORRIS, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on **TUESDAY**, the 7th Instant, at  
9 a.m.

**YUEN FAT HONG,**  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 3, 1890. 1728

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**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.**

The Steamship  
*Joyan,*  
Captain T. S. GARDNER  
will be despatched for the  
above Ports on **TUESDAY, the 7th Inst.,**  
2 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, October 3, 1890. 171

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**SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.**

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**FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG  
AND ANTWERP.**

The Steamship  
*Carmarthenshire*,  
Captain CHAIKIE, will be  
despatched as above on  
**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, the 7th Inst.**  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, October 2, 1890. 164

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**Sailing Vessels.**

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**FOR NEW YORK.**

*Richd A. L. Amer. Barque*  
*Richard Parsons,*  
Capt. C. A. FENNELL, will sail  
here, for the above Port, as  
will have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to  
**SIMPSON & Co.**

32. **Uongkong, August 9, 1890.** 14  
**FOR NEW YORK.**  
 The 3/3 L.L.I. American Ship  
 *George Skiffeld,*  
 DUNNING, Master, will load for  
 the above Port, and will  
 have quick despatch.  
 For Freight, apply to  
 RUSSELL & Co.  
 39. **Hongkong, August 27, 1890.** 16  
**FOR SAN FRANCISCO.**  
 The A.I. British Ship  
 *Thermopylae,*  
 JENKINS, Master, will load for  
 the above Port, and will  
 have quick despatch.  
 For Freight, apply to

**RUSSELL & Co**  
**Hongkong, September 13, 1890.**

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**Notices to Consignees.**

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**CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP**  
**COMPANY.**

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**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

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**STEAMSHIP *PARTHIA*,**  
**FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA**  
**AND NAGASAKI.**

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**(THE above Steamer having arrived. C**

1. **signees of Cargo** are hereby requested to send in their **Bills of Lading** for counter signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of Vessel will be landed and stored at **signees' risk** and expense.

**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, October 4, 1890. 1

**WINDSOR HOUSE**  
HONGKONG,  
No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
**PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENTIAL**  
AND  
**FAMILY HOTEL.**

This ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a new central position, opposite the Telegraph Office and two doors from the CHARISTON Bank. It offers **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION** to **RESIDENTS** and **TRAVELLERS**, a **Spacious Dining Room**, and a large number of well furnished **Bed Rooms** with all comforts. A **Grand Table d'Hôte**—Breakfast, 8.30 a. M., Dinner, 1 p. m.; Dinner, 7.30 p. m. **Board** by the Month, Day, or Single Meals, at reasonable rates.

ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO RESIDE IN **MEALS IN GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS.**  
**CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES SPOKEN.**

**Mrs. BOHM**  
Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 30, 1890. 1

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, Owners will be Responsible**

1706 Mary L. Stone, American ship, Capt  
W. Park, — Russell & Co.



## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL.

**GRACIE PLAISTED'S**  
"MY SWEETHEART"  
COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

"OUR BOYS." "OUR BOYS." "OUR BOYS."

**TO-MORROW (TUESDAY)**

Under the patronage of H.E. the Administrator, Hon. F. PLUMING, C.M.G., and by special request.

"LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY" will be repeated.

**THURSDAY.**

Byron's Farcical Comedy, "UNCLE."

Box Plan at Messrs KELLY & WARMER'S.

CHAS. HARDING, Manager.

Hongkong, October 6, 1890. 1733

**To-day's Advertisements**

**NOTIFICATION.**

**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.**

**THE DRILL SEASON** of the above Corps will commence on the 7th October.

Surgeon CAPTAIN will attend at HEAD QUARTERS at 5 p.m. to-day, and on Friday Evening, at 6 o'clock, to inspect any Gentlemen wishing to join.

Intending MEMBERS on passing Medical Examination will be enrolled and passed on to Recruit Drill at once.

Any one who has previously been an Efficient MEMBER of a Volunteer Corps will not be required to drill until November, but it will be to the advantage of all such New MEMBERS to enrol as early as possible.

Expresses of Drills will be issued.

By Order, H. T. HAWKINS, Capt. R. A. Adjutant H.K. Volunteer Artillery.

HEAD QUARTERS, Hongkong, October 6, 1890. 1735

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**STEAMSHIP NECKAR,** FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

OPTIONAL Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before this notice, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 9th instant, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 11th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 5, 1890. 1736

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.**

**BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.**

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PENANG, GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

**SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.**

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship BOKIARA,** Captain P. W. CASE, with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, 16th instant, at Noon, connecting with the PENINSULAR at that port, which vessel takes on her cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving BOMBAY on the 8th November.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Fare and Space (Cabin) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuable for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo for London will be conveyed direct Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo. Tea will be sent either via Bombay or Colombo, according to arrangement.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MARSEILLES.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, October 6, 1890. 1741

## Business Notices.

**HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LD.**

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENTS.**

**FOR THE COMING SEASONS.**

**DRESS-MAKING AND MILLINERY** by Experienced European Assistants.

**HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LD.**

37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 1729

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

**IN BANKRUPTCY.**

In the Matter of LIU YING, a Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of LIU YING will be held before C. F. A. SANGSTER, Official Assignee of the said Court, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of October, 1890, at 12 o'clock at Noon precisely, for the purpose of electing a Dividend.

Creditors who have not yet proved must do so on or before the said 17th day of October, 1890.

Dated the 4th day of October, 1890.

C. F. A. SANGSTER, Official Assignee.

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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 13th day of October, 1890, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command, W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of October, 1890, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Lot. Locality. Boundary Measurements. Actual Area. Estimated Rent.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

**MAILS will close:**

For STRAITS & CALOUTTA.—

Per Japan, at 1.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For KUCHING.—

Per Japan, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th inst.

**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**

Shipping.

9 a.m.—Sundevich Phra Nang leaves for Bangkok.

Noon.—Formosa leaves for Swatow.

2 p.m.—Japan leaves for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

Afternoon.—Carmarthenshire leaves for Hamburg, &c.

**Meetings.**

8.30 p.m.—Meeting of British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association at the Marine Hotel, Praya West.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.

**Amusements.**

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

BY APPOINTMENT.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

HONGKONG.

WE invite attention to the following old brandies, all of which are of excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

**PORTS.** (For Invalids and general use.)

Case. Per Bot.

A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule, . . . \$10 1.00

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule, . . . 12 1.10

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule, . . . 14 1.25

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled), . . . 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, . . . 9 0.90

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule, . . . 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule, . . . 10 1.00

CO Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule, . . . 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Dry, White Seal Capsule, . . . 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), . . . 14 1.25

Per Case, Per Bot.

1 doz. 2 doz. Quarts. Pints.

**CLARETS.**

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule, . . . \$4 \$4.50

B St. Etienne, Red Capsule, . . . 4.50 5.00

C St. Julien, . . . 7 7.50

D La Rose, . . . 11 12.00

Per Case, Per Bot.

Case. Per Bot.

**BRANDY.**

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule, . . . \$12 \$1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule, . . . 14 1.25

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule, . . . 18 1.50

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule, . . . 24 2.00

**SCOTCH WHISKY.**

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule, . . . 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy Blend, Blend, Black Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, . . . 8 0.75

C Watson's A Blend, Glenorchy, Blend, Blend, with Name and Trade Mark, . . . 8 0.75

D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule, . . . 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule, . . . 12 1.10

**IRISH WHISKY.**

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule, . . . 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule, . . . 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule, . . . 12 1.10

GENUINE BOTTLED WHISKY, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name, . . . 10 1.00

**GIN.**

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule, . . . 4.50 0.40

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule, . . . 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva, . . . 5.25 0.50

**LIQUEURS.**

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule, . . . 12 1.00

Good Gold Brand, \$1.50 per Gallon.

**DEATH.**

At Hamburg, on the 3rd October, 1890, WILLIAM ROSE, of Carlowitz & Co.

The publication of this issue commences at 8.45 p.m.

**THE CHINA MAIL.**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1890.

**TELEGRAMS.**

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

(Via Southern Line.)

**DISASTROUS FIRE IN SYDNEY.**

LONDON, Oct. 5.

A serious fire broke out in the centre of Sydney. The City Bank, Athenaeum, and the premises of six leading firms were gutted.

The loss is estimated at £1,500,000.

## (From Singapore Papers.)

**FLOODS IN FRANCE.**

London, 26th Sept.—It is estimated that the damage caused by the floods will amount to two millions sterling in Artois alone.

**THE IRISH POTATO CROP.**



Office, Law Committee and Public Works Committee ought to be appointed at this meeting. He, however, only proposed to appoint a new member to the Public Works Committee, and the Council, without the Governor, and leave till next meeting the appointment of the two other committees.

## GAMBLING.

Dr Ho Kai gave notice of his intention to ask at next meeting what steps have been taken or are being taken by the Government to suppress or diminish public gambling in this Colony, either by the registration or suppression of the hundreds of gambling clubs that have sprung into existence during the last few years.

His Excellency—As you have just heard, it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill on gambling as soon as possible. I may say that this very important subject has engaged my attention for some time past. I have spared no effort to get the Bill put in such a shape as will enable it to be laid before the Council as early as possible. I have not, however, been able to do so, but I will do my utmost to lay the Bill before the Council as soon as possible.

Dr Ho Kai—Does the measure include the registration of clubs?

His Excellency—All these are matters that would come under the amended gambling Bill.

A number of Bills were read a first time, and the Council adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

All the votes mentioned in the report of the Council meeting were passed.

With regard to the Deceased Householder's Bill, the Chairman (the Acting Colonial Secretary) said it was agreed to in the time of Mr. Price and sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

It was explained by the Acting Attorney General that the Bill for the purpose of the public police, subscriptions to newspapers, etc., etc.—little things somewhat out of the usual run wanted by the new Attorney General when he came here.

With regard to the 855 additional for the Kowloon well, the Chairman said the well was an experiment, and the expenditure of £100,000 was not a very satisfactory. Pure water was got at a comparatively small depth. It was not an artesian well, but dug out.

## THE ASCENDING BAILIFF.

The Chairman, in moving the vote of £803 to cover the defalcations of X, explained that the defalcations were not to cover a sheriff who was unavailable for the action of his inferiors. He was done away with and there was no similar officer answerable for the proceedings of the bailiff according to law. Although not admitting their legal liability, the Government might as well make good the defalcations. The defalcating bailiff had been arrested, but, according to the stipulation in all international treaties of extradition, he could not be extradited until he had been dealt with by the Government of Mexico.

Dr Ho Kai asked if the bailiff was secured.

The Acting Attorney General said this man was not secured. There were two bailiffs secured. X was the 3rd bailiff and was only appointed for serving summonses and such processes as did not involve the collection of money. The facts of the case were, under the law, as follows:—One Saturday morning a Solicitor came to the office with a writ of execution. The other bailiffs were both out executing an important writ. The writ of execution brought by the solicitor was signed by the Deputy Registrar and passed on to the bailiff's room where X was. He (Mr. Achary) was informed, although he was not sure, that the solicitor represented another clerk in the Registrar's Office that this was a pressing matter and he asked X to execute it. X wrote the writ and received the money. Before he got back it was 4 o'clock. The office was shut, Monday morning he gambled away the whole of the money. He was in receipt of \$10 a month. It was never intended that he should serve any process involving the receipt of money. He was not secured.

Dr Ho Kai asked if security would be required in future.

The Chairman said steps had been taken that the present man provided security.

The Attorney General thought that on that account the man ought to get more than \$40.

## DEFALCATIONS IN THE GAOL.

In moving the adoption of a vote of £215 7s 6d to cover the defalcations in the gaol, the Chairman said the Colony would not lose anything as the Treasurer, having served 20 years, was entitled to a retiring allowance that amounted to more than the sum taken.

In reply to Dr Ho Kai the Chairman said the terms taken by the turnkey were small and belonged to the prisoners.

Dr Ho Kai—Is not the property of the prisoners deposited with the superintendent every day?

The Chairman—This man had the collection of them and he was supposed to be the receiving officer and to write them into a book.

Dr Ho Kai said complaints were made that prisoners only got about half of the money returned to them.

The Chairman said the defalcations had gone on a long time—two or three years—and perhaps they would explain the complaints.

Dr Ho Kai said a man getting only \$20 or \$30 a month should not be entrusted with the prisoners' money.

The Chairman said that since this occurred a rule had been passed that the money must be handed over to the Chief Warder to be locked up.

## THE POSITION OF THE COLONY AND FUTURE LEGISLATION.

## ADDRESS BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

At the opening of the Legislative Council this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor, in the presence of the Government, read the following address:—

Honourable Gentlemen,—In meeting again together for the re-union of our Legislative duties I believe I may congratulate you on the satisfactory condition, on the whole, of the Colony at the present time. I am willing to admit that those clouds of depression which have for some time past been hanging over us have not altogether passed away, but I think there are reasonable prospects of their doing so, and I sincerely hope that a no distant future has in store times as prosperous as have been witnessed in the past. The health of the Island during that portion of the year which has now elapsed has been exceptionally good, and we have happily escaped epidemics of any epidemic or other serious malady.

As regards our finances the following is the present condition in so far as I am able to inform you.

The balance of assets on the 1st of January this year was, as I have previously stated, \$508,109, but from that sum I regret

to say that a no less amount than \$68,502 must be deducted for the unfavourable effect of the exchange which has taken place in connection with the Public Office Department, papers on which subject will be laid before you.

The local revenue received up to the 30th of September was \$1,415,894. The amount received in England as far as can be estimated, (the Crown Agents' accounts having been received up to the 31st of July only) was \$1,798.

The premiums on land sales amounted to \$12,463, making a total up to the 30th of September of \$1,876,762.

The Ordinary Expenditure for the first six months of the year was \$384,467. The approximate expenditure in England was \$111,309, making a total of \$891,836.

The Extraordinary Local Expenditure during the same period was \$216,605; the extraordinary expenses in England were about \$100,000, making a total of \$316,605. A sum of \$34,220 was expended on the purchase of the House for the purpose of a Police Station.

This total expenditure therefore amounts to \$1,331,767, leaving an approximate balance on the 30th of September of \$545,005.

The Estimate for the coming year have been prepared and will be laid before you without delay.

The Estimated Revenue up to the end of the present year is \$1,884,934; to this may be added the balance of assets at the beginning of this year—less the amount to be deducted for the defalcations I have mentioned—which is therefore \$440,607, and \$90,000 may be put down as a possible surplus, making a total of \$2,415,541, leaving a balance of \$1,083,774, or thereabouts, at the end of the year.

The Estimated Ordinary Expenditure is \$1,470,221; the extraordinary expenditure \$440,700, making a total of \$1,910,921.

The probable balance on hand therefore on the 31st of December next, presuming all the estimated extraordinary expenditure to be spent, which is somewhat improbable, will be \$401,620.

The Estimated Revenue for 1891, is \$1,932,098, while the premiums on land sales can be put down at \$100,000, making a total of \$2,032,098.

The Estimated Ordinary Expenditure is \$1,663,420, Extraordinary \$804,279, leaving a probable balance on hand on the 31st of December, 1891, of \$466,028.

Among the principal items causing further expenditure for next year I may mention the increased Military Contributions from \$22,000 to \$40,000, which taking the dollar as representing 3/6d, would amount to \$228,572.

The additions to salaries authorized by the Secretary of State, amounting to about \$47,000.

The increased cost entailed by the new system of Audit, which will involve a year's increase of about \$7,500.

The introduction of the Electric Light, causing an increase of \$13,500.

The most serious increase, however, to Expenditure results from the amount estimated as necessary for Extraordinary Public Works. We know how essential it is, Gentlemen, that such public works should be carried out, and that such other works as may be really useful should be commenced while the water and drainage system, which the Colony has undertaken, cannot be allowed to stand still. But I do think that it is a question for serious consideration whether it is just to award the payment of the cost of such works to the Colony, which is absolutely necessary without undue pressure on its finances, or to tax the people.

Several Ordinances are in course of preparation and many are ready for your immediate consideration.

Among them is an Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Police Force, which is rendered desirable in consequence of certain changes that have lately taken place among the Officers of that Department, and which I have already had occasion to explain to you.

The Secretary of State has made it a condition, as regards many of those who are to be appointed to the Police Force, that they should give a bond for the adjustment of salaries received additional pay, that they should join a Widows' and Orphans' Fund. A similar measure to that proposed some months back, but which was not then proceeded with, will therefore be submitted to you. I may state that such a law exists in many of the Colonies, and although it is impossible to say how far the measure will prove a success in a Colony where the number of Civil Servants is comparatively small, it must be admitted that its object, in providing for those who may otherwise be left in want and destitution, is a good one.

The *Agreement Finance* has been drafted with a view of giving the necessary powers to those who have been already appointed to consider how the irregular occupation of Crown lands in this Colony can be discontinued.

An Ordinance to give further powers to Companies with respect to the alteration of the Memoranda of Association will be submitted to you.

Honourable Members will recollect that during the course of the present year Private Bill was introduced with the object of enabling the Hongkong Land Investment Company to transact business elsewhere than in this Colony, and to extend its powers of investments which under its present Articles of Association it is unable to do. The Ordinance passed through its different stages, but before my report was given to it objections were raised against it, and I was requested to submit the matter for the decision of the Secretary of State. This I did and the Secretary of State in reply forwarded a copy of a Public Bill which was then passing through the Imperial Parliament on the subject, stating that he had no objection to a similar measure being passed here. The Ordinance which will be laid before you is therefore *mutatis mutandis* a copy of the English Act.

Bills to amend the Public Health Ordinance of 1887; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Merchant Shipping, &c.; and the Ordinance relating to the consolidation of the Law relating to Chinese Passenger Ships and the conveyance of Chinese emigrants; to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy; to amend our Laws in regard to Gambling, and to provide against the Adulteration of Food are all in course of preparation and will be brought before you very shortly.

It will be remembered that at our last meeting previous to the recess a Bill was introduced by an Honourable Member to amend the Law respecting the sale of Shares in Companies registered under the Companies Ordinance. This measure is undoubtedly of considerable importance, and in order to save time it was proposed that I should, during the recess, send a copy of it to the Secretary of State for his consideration. I did so and as soon as I received a reply I will inform the Council accordingly.

I have already mentioned to you, Gentlemen, my desire to find further space than exists in this place for the settlement of such Chinese as live here and whose relatives are not in a position to remove their families to other parts of the world. This, as in the case with most questions of difficulty and importance, requires some time for solution, but I have good reason to hope, although my original idea may not be carried out, that I shall soon be able to attain in some way the object I have in view.

The question of the extension of the new Prison which I have mentioned to you last month, as I am fully convinced of the necessity of providing, in some way or another, further accommodation. I have addressed the Secretary of State on the subject, and although there are no doubt arguments in favour of building a new Prison which I will not have to be right of mind to have conceded from him, I have expressed an opinion, in order to avoid so large an expenditure as would be involved in the erection of a new building, that the existing Gaol should be added to, and the new Prison should be built on the site of the present one, which I believe has long been lying idle in the vicinity of the quarters occupied by the Captain Superintendent and Police Inspectors.

Until I hear what the Secretary of State's views are in the matter the question cannot be definitely settled. But in the meantime such a sum has been set aside in the Estimate as is likely to be required next year either for one work or the other. If the present Gaol is enlarged in the manner I have suggested, the cost, including the erection of a new Magistrate's Office, is estimated at \$170,000.

The correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary of State and myself respecting the increase of our Military Contribution will be laid on the table. To comment on it is unnecessary on my part. Honourable Members will see the views I have expressed, and the replies that have been received, and they can judge for themselves in the matter.

The question of the Naval and Military Establishments being removed from the Town of Victoria is engaging the consideration of the home Authorities and I believe that before very long it will be ripe for a decision.

I may inform the Council that Lord Knutsford has approved of the formation in this Colony of a Volunteer Machine Gun Corps and a Volunteer Mounted Rifle Corps as recommended by the Committee appointed to consider this question in 1889, and that the Machine guns, the cost of which was voted in March last, have been ordered.

My attention was drawn some time ago to the fact that a certain amount of over-pressure existed in the Schools of this Island, more especially as regards Chinese children. Honourable Members will have observed that enquiry is now being made into this point. Whether over-pressure exists in the Schools or not, the result of the investigation will probably show, but I may inform the Council that I discovered that the number of attendances required in the Aided Schools here was greater than that demanded in other Colonies. For this I could see no sufficient reason, and I recommended that it should be reduced. To this proposal the Secretary of State has assented, and the same number of attendances will hereafter be required here as are required at the Schools in the Straits Settlements.

Papers will be submitted to you respecting a proposed reduction in Passage Rates with a view of obtaining a uniform rate for all the different Colonies and thus to do away with certain anomalies which now exist. The estimated loss to the Imperial Revenue, should the scheme be carried out, (about £55,000 a year) and Her Majesty's Government desire to know whether the various Colonies are disposed to contribute towards meeting this loss. In the present state of the world generally the idea is not a bad one, and one to which I feel sure this Council will give every consideration. But it will be seen from the Report of the Acting Assistant Postmaster General that the Colony will lose a no inconsiderable sum by the scheme being adopted, and I am therefore desirous of knowing the views of the Council on the question before sending a reply.

A short time ago I had the satisfaction of taking part in what I may allude to as the gratifying function of laying the foundation stone of the Gap Road Lighthouse. To join in the erection of a beacon, the subject of which has been the subject of much discussion, and to be able to guide through difficulties, must at all times be a pleasurable duty, but I venture to say that there are few spots where the existence of a lighthouse will prove of more true value to navigation than that from which this light will shine over many a distant main.

I may mention, in connection with this subject, that I have lately enquired what steps are being taken to place a Lighthouse on Waipian Island in lieu of that on Cape D'Aguiar and I am glad to be able to inform you that the Chinese Authorities are at the present moment seriously considering this question, and that our officers are about to be sent, if they have not left already, to make all necessary arrangements for carrying out the work.

The Secretary of State's Despatch regarding the Increase of Salaries to Civil Servants and the conditions under which such are to be granted will be laid on the table. It will be seen that the Secretary of State has assented to the scheme proposed by Sir William D. Vaneux that salaries shall be paid at sterling rates, but he has sanctioned an increase, with certain exceptions, on the conditions however that those who accept the increases proposed shall give up the privilege of sending money home in the shape of family remittances, and that when on leave they shall be paid at the rate of 4/6 the dollar and that their pensions shall be at the rate of 3/8d only.

Since we last met, Gentlemen, the services of one who had been a member of this Council for many years have been unfortunately lost to us by the death of the late Mr. J. H. Brown, and it is an interesting coincidence that in 1891 it will witness the same span of life as will the Earl of Essex.

There is no one who took a deeper interest in his work as a Member of the Legislature, who without speaking for display or for any factious object was nevertheless prepared to take such action and to ask for such information as he considered the public interest demanded—than Mr. MacEwen. His absence from this Board will necessarily be a serious loss to the Colony, and I am sure that his colleagues will do all in their power to make up for the loss we have sustained.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, let me ask of you to join your efforts in working for the future welfare of a Colony which by reason of increased facilities in communication is rapidly becoming of more importance in a political and Imperial point of view while it is more and more becoming a centre of interest and interconnection with its interests and its prosperity.

At an early period of the coming year the Colony will be celebrating its fiftieth Anniversary as a possession of the British Crown, and it is an interesting coincidence that in 1891 it will witness the same span of life as will the Earl of Essex.

That Hongkong may advance and prosper during the fifty years that are next to come is as I have advanced and prospered during the fifty years that are about to pass. I am sure, the earnest wish of us all.

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3. Notification of the intention to introduce the Ordinance was given in connection with an Ordinance Committee, the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council and the Bill was duly published as required by the same.

On the 26th of March it was read a first time when no opposition to it was offered. On the 5th of April it came on for second reading, and was read a second time. It was then proceeded to be considered in detail, and nothing except a verbal alteration, having been made in Committee it was, as permitted by the Standing Orders, read a third time and passed at this meeting.

On the 11th of April I received a letter, which I enclose a copy, from Mr. Francis Q. C., the leading Barrister here, requesting that for the reasons mentioned by him I should refuse to give my assent to the Ordinance. I referred this letter to the Attorney General, and Mr. Goodman, in the opinion he gave, advised me to withhold my assent, and he was accordingly, and that the Secretary of the Company had expressed his willingness that the Bill should become law in its present shape.

I accordingly enquired the substance of this opinion, and was communicated to Messrs. Wotton & Deane, the Solicitors for the Company, and shortly afterwards addressed a letter, copy enclosed, to the Colonial Secretary.

Your Lordship will see from this letter the reasons why the Directors urge the desirability of passing such a law as the one in question, and their references as to what has been done in England, and in the Straits Settlements, in regard to the same question. The Directors are in the opinion that the Ordinance which has passed the Council, but has not yet been assented to, be not further proceeded with and that in lieu thereof a new Bill be introduced on the lines laid down in the Report of the Select Committee a copy of which is annexed to the Secretary's communication. I believe, however, that before this is done I should communicate with Your Lordship on the subject.

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7. I understand that the Directors of the Company in question are desirous that something should be done in the matter without delay, and I should therefore be obliged if Your Lordship would communicate your decision to me as soon as convenient.

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